



**FEBRUARY
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GATE POST**



News from the Board

Joyce Jalbert, President

Electrical Issues on Sand Ridge: I am pleased to announce that we have hired Elite Electric to repair the electrical issues on Sand Ridge by our Myrtle Trace South sign. They will be doing these repairs in the coming weeks just as soon as it warms up a bit. We have used Elite Electric in the past to fix the outlets on the deck of the pool and also to repair the overhead lights at the side entrance of the Clubhouse. We have found them to be dependable, reasonably priced, and efficient. I know we all will be happy when this job is complete.

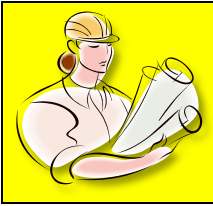
Getting things done: We are moving right along getting "stuff" done in the neighborhood: Reflector Strips Guidelines were re-vamped, registered at the County Office, and new sheets for your Modification Handbook distributed to the neighborhood. The Street Signs were repaired and gosh do they look great! And now we will have the Electrical Issues completed.

Vendor List: I have updated the Vendor List from recent neighbor recommendations. Please go to our Website: myrtletracesouth.org, Password: mtshoainfo2013 for the updates.

Did You Know: If you have received a fine stemming from a Waccamaw Compliance visit and believe you have received this fine in error, you have the right to appeal this fine to the BOD after a regularly scheduled monthly BOD meeting. You must email me at jalbejoy@yahoo.com to schedule this appeal in a timely manner in order to have it put on our agenda. Again, all appeals occur AFTER the BOD meeting is complete.

February BOD Meeting: The next BOD meeting will be Wednesday, February 5th at 9am. See you there.

Be Kind...Be Calm...Be Happy...Always



MODIFICATION COMMITTEE

Don Nadler

As I am writing this, we've experienced snow and freezing rain, which will probably limit applications for painting shutters and doors and most outside activities for a while.

February is usually a quiet month also for most modification requests, but if you do have a modification in mind, remember to check the guidelines to see if it requires approval by the Modification Committee. Please give us sufficient time to review the application; we usually have a quick turnaround time, but if the project requires additional information or clarification, it may delay the approval beyond your anticipated start time. You will not be able to proceed without approval.

A reminder that if you want blue reflective tape on your mailbox post, the cost is \$2.00 and they are obtainable from Don Nadler, 843-591-0185. This requires an application as well. Applications can be found in each month's Gatepost or on the MTS HOA website. The blue tape is to make the mailbox more visible at night, hopefully preventing mailboxes from being hit, which has happened to numerous homeowner's boxes.

As always, when in doubt, fill it out! !



DIRT BAND

Paul Witalis

The Dirt Band has removed the holiday decorations from the white fences at the Burning Ridge and Myrtle Ridge entrances.

Holiday lights and decorations were removed from the pool fence. All of the decorations and lights were placed in containers and stored in the clubhouse attic.



BOOK CLUB

Ellen Witalis

We had a very productive January meeting. Not only did we review a highly recommended book, but we chose our books to read for both February and March. Kate Quinn's The Briar Club is an exceptional read. All of us rated it at 9 1/2...we never rate anything this high unilaterally. Put it on your "must read soon" list.

February's book will be The Secret Book of Flora Lea by Patti Callahan Henry. MS Henry is the author of over 18 novels often dealing with love and loss. This novel details the story of 2 sisters who spend the WW II years in the English countryside hiding from the German attack on England. One sister discovers a rare book that connects her to those years. Several of us have enjoyed hearing her speak in person here in the Myrtle Beach area. We're looking forward to reading this novel.

March's book will be The Lion Women of Tehran by Marjan Kamali. This story of friendship, betrayal, and redemption covers 3 transformative decades in Tehran, Iran. This book will include the political turmoil in Iran as it leads to a breaking point with enormous consequences.

The MTS Book Club meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Clubhouse at 6:30 P.M. We welcome all MTS residents even if you've not read our book of the month. Come out to join us to enjoy good discussions and friendly participants.



MTS LADIES SOCIAL

Please join us for our monthly Ladies Social on **February 13th at 2 pm**. Be prepared to have a great time with your friends and neighbors. We are inviting everyone to wear their best Valentine's Day Attire. Brush up on your knowledge of Valentine's Day trivia because a fabulous prize is at stake.

Ginni Boam and Joyce Jalbert will be your hostesses for the afternoon. RSVP to Joyce at **jalbejoy@yahoo.com**. See you all there!





WELCOME COMMITTEE

Angel Mangarelli and Suzanne Gilman

We are pleased to welcome Larry and Diane Koehler at 600 Trawler Bay Ct. They come to us from St. Petersburg, FL. They enjoy playing bocce and dining out.

Larry can be reached at 516-225-1668 and mxxman@gmail.com.

Diane can be reached at 516-547-1198 and dianekoehler22@gmail.com.



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE NEWS

Jean Grady

This month we send our deepest condolences to John Petrakovitz on the loss of his wife Betty, who had been an original member of this committee. We also send our deepest sympathies to the family of Bill Moyer who recently passed away. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Also, Vince Flanagan, one of our former MTS neighbors of many years, recently passed away. He and his wife Bobbi had been living at Anderson Oaks Assisted Living for the past several years. Please remember Bobbi and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Jan Eckler is currently in rehab recuperating after a recent fall. We wish her a speedy recovery.

There may be other neighbors experiencing issues that we are not aware of, but as always we respect their privacy. If you are aware of anyone who needs a little sunshine, please contact anyone on the committee: Berri Lowman on Trawler Bay, Ginni Boam and Janet Pechalonis on Sand Ridge Road, Eileen Sause of Rudder Court, Linda Downes and Jean Grady on Helms Way.

A NOTE OF THANKS FROM NANCY THORNBURGH

Thank you to all my MTS neighbors and friends! During my recent surgery, followed by a heart attack four weeks later, I say a big thank you!

I received cards, phone calls, and lots of delicious food that my husband and I enjoyed.

Everyone says it, and it's true! This is a wonderful place to live, full of wonderful people!! Thank you all!



CLUBHOUSE POOL COMMITTEE

Kathy Nadler, Chair

We had more than 40 people attend our Soup R Bowl on January 25th. A variety of soups, appetizers, salad, rolls/bread, and desserts were served.



A 50/50 raffle was also held.

The clubhouse chairs were cleaned and Scotch Guarded in January.

On **February 22nd at 11:30 am** we are going on the Barefoot Queen Riverboat for a 1 1/2 hr. lunch cruise, with entertainment. See flyer. All reservations, lunch choices and money are due by February 7th to Kathy Nadler 843-591-0185.

February 25th at 6:30 pm Bingo

SAVE THE DATE: March 12th from 9-2 pm the knife sharpener guy will be in the clubhouse parking lot for your sharpening needs

March 15th at 5 pm St. Patrick's Day pot luck dinner. See flyer next month.

Reminder: At clubhouse events the Board members are there for socializing, so please don't discuss HOA matters with them. Also the topics of politics and religion should not be discussed



FIREWISE COMMITTEE

Colleen Meitzler

The Firewise Committee would like to wish everyone a very Happy Valentine's Day! We hope you are staying safe and warm during this cold winter weather.

We have been approved as a Firewise Community again this year. We are waiting on the Firewise Grant for 2025 and will update everyone when we receive an answer.

Please remember to complete and submit your **Firewise Activity Sheets** so we receive credit for our efforts and continue to qualify for our Firewise Grant.

Please take a moment to review our Firewise Safety Gatepost flyer on Portable Heater safety. Stay warm! Stay safe!



EDITOR'S CORNER

Thank you **Ellen Witalis** for submitting this recipe. Sounds delicious!!

PARMESAN BAKED CHICKEN

This recipe came from Ann Rogers who was a long term resident of MTS.

Always good for friends or family gatherings.

Serves 4-6

6 skinless, boneless chicken breasts

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Brush baking dish with 2 tsp melted butter.

Mix $\frac{1}{4}$ cup parmesan cheese and $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of seasoned bread crumbs in a bowl.

Mix 2 beaten eggs, 1 tbsp soy sauce and 1 tbsp water in a bowl.

Place flour on plate, dip chicken breasts in flour, then egg mix, then bread crumbs.

Place in baking dish and bake for 30 mins until golden brown and cooked through. (Turn over once during baking)

For a single serving: use 1 chicken breast, 1 tsp butter, 2 tbsp cheese, 2 tbsp bread crumbs, 1 egg, 1 tsp soy sauce and 1 tsp water, flour as needed.

Follow directions above.



MEDICAL SUPPLIES

Janet Pechalonis

Often times, when an injury occurs or a special need arises, medical equipment may be necessary for a short period of time. Many of our residents have walkers and wheelchairs as well as other items in their homes which they no longer use. These very generous folks are willing to lend, on a temporary basis, to those in need, when a family is in a situation of caring for others.

If you are in need of borrowing, please contact me **Janet Pechalonis** by phone: **843-349-0093** ,
text 203-558-4013 or email petchco@sbcglobal.net.

Although, I do not have the equipment in my home, I will direct you to the person who may have what you need. Thank you for your donations.



NANA'S CLOSET

Ellen Witalis

Winter has been a cold one so far this year for us in SC so you know the February school break for Northern states means we'll have more children visiting us than in recent years. Please plan ahead if you will need any supplies. During the Christmas school break there was not enough to meet all of our neighbors' needs.

Contact me as early as you can to reserve what you want to have for your visiting grands and great grands. Contact me at Ellen Witalis, 843-347-7101, 843-503-1662, or elplusp@aol.com.



FEBRUARY

1 – John Maylock
 2 – Lynn Jones
 2– Diane Kohler
 4 – Mark Lee
 4 – Rose Triacca
 6 – Barbara Volante
 8 – Mary Heavens
 9 – Joan Vander Ryk
 10 – Jane Gardner
 13 – John Sorrentino
 13 – Teresa McKinney
 14 – Michele Lee
 17 – Mark Lowman

BIRTHDAYS

17 – Kathy Antonucci
 17 – Marilyn Darrone
 18 – Ken Manning
 20 – Bev Cashdollar
 21 – Connie Hall
 22 – Denise Daniels
 22 – Kathy McClure
 25 – Cheryl Naumann
 26 – Richard Cartney
 27 – Chris Boam
 27 – Donna Dagle
 28 – Suzanne Gilman
 -----Jennifer Zacharek

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

8 – Ken & Bonnie Manning
 14 – Joe & Rose Triacca
 18 – Bill & Fran Gray
 24 – Mark & Berri Lowman

FEBRUARY LADIES BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

February 18, 2025, at 12:00 pm



***Come wish our February Birthday Ladies a Happy Birthday at
Coppers Restaurant at 201 Laurel St. Downtown Conway***

2nd Lynn Jones	2nd Diane Koehler	4th Rose Triacca
6th Barbara Valente	8th Mary Heavens	8th Debbie Moffitt
9th Joan Vander Ryk	10th Jane Gardner	13th Teresa Mckinney
14th Michelle Lee	17th Marilyn Darrone	17th Kathy Antonucci
20th Beverly Cashdollar	21st Connie Hall	22nd Denise Daniels
22nd Kathy McClure	25th Cheryl Neuman	28th Suzanne Gilman
Jennifer Zacharek		

This luncheon is being Hosted by: Fran Glynn and Joanne Malonson.

If you would like to attend, please contact Fran
at gglynn1@sccoast.com Or 843-347-3094
or Joanne at jomalonson@gmail.com or 843-331-1105 by **February 13, 2025.**

**Come join us for a 90 minute lunch cruise on the
Barefoot Queen Riverboat
February 22nd at 11:30 AM**

Boarding Times: 45 minutes prior to cruise time (10:45 AM)



The Barefoot Queen cruises the IntraCoastal Waterway south of Barefoot Marina to Marina Inn Grande Dunes and back and does not go into the ocean.

Entertainment and narration is also included on each cruise.

Bathrooms are on board.

Lunch includes a choice of a sandwich, chips, cookie and water/tea. Sandwiches have to be pre-selected and are a choice of ham and cheese, roast beef and cheese or turkey and cheese. The cruise offers a fully stocked bar, serving select beers, wines, and liquors that are available for purchase

GROUP PRICE \$36 PER PERSON

Payment needs to be made with Kathy Nadler at (843) 591-0185
by February 7th, along with your sandwich choice.

The cruise line is at 2041 Bridge View Ct., North Myrtle Beach
For more information, go to : barefootqueen.com



Electric Portable Space Heater Safety

When the weather turns cold, it can bring a chill into our homes. Portable space heaters have become a popular way to supplement central heating or heat one room. If you plan to use portable electric space heaters, make sure to follow these tips and recommendations:

HEATER CHECKLIST

- Purchase a heater with the seal of a qualified testing laboratory.
- Keep the heater at least 3 feet (1 metre) away from anything that can burn, including people.
- Choose a heater with a thermostat and overheat protection.
- Place the heater on a solid, flat surface.
- Make sure your heater has an auto shut-off to turn the heater off if it tips over.
- Keep space heaters out of the way of foot traffic. Never block an exit.
- Keep children away from the space heater.
- Plug the heater directly into the wall outlet. Never use an extension cord.
- Space heaters should be turned off and unplugged when you leave the room or go to bed.

Types of electric space heaters

Oil or water-filled radiator

Heated oil or water travels through the heater.

Fan-forced heater

A fan blows warm air over metal coils.

Ceramic heater

Air is warmed over a ceramic heating element.

Infrared heaters

Heat is created by infrared bulbs.

Fact

Two in five deaths in space heater fires involve portable electric space heaters.



**NATIONAL FIRE
PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**

The leading information and knowledge resource
on fire, electrical and related hazards



FIREWISE ACTIVITIES MATCHING FUNDS RECORDING SHEET

Can be used to record activities for matching funds and other Firewise Communities/USA

What qualifies for matching funds for Firewise grants? Any time or money you spend on your home and/or surrounding property for the purpose of reducing the probability of wildfire loss. Examples of activities that will qualify related to homes and outbuildings are:

Dryer vent cleaning, pruning, mulching, tree trimming/limbing, weed abatement/spraying, replacing combustible mulches with stone/gravel, leaf raking and removal, pine needle/pine cone removal, cleaning gutters, grass cutting, grass irrigation, edging, time spent hauling vegetation to landfill/dump sites, meetings, presentations, cost for purchase or rental of chain saw/hedge trimmers, cost or protective eyewear/earplugs.

Volunteer activities also qualify for Firewise matching funds. Volunteer activities can include: attending Firewise Board Meetings, attending Firewise community events and preparation for wildfire.

To record **your time**, please fill in the following:

ACTIVITY	DATE PERFORMED	AMOUNT OF TIME (HRS : MINUTES)
Total Number of Hours/Minutes	→→→→→	

To record **your costs**, please fill in the following and **attach a copy of any invoices** from stores, contracted personnel, etc.

ACTIVITY	DATE PERFORMED	COST OF ACTIVITY
Total Costs of Invoices Please attach a copy of invoice(s)	→→→→→	\$ _____ .__

I affirm that the information I have provided on this form is accurate.

Print Name

Address

Date

Signature

Phone/E-mail

Return this form to your Firewise Board contact at a Monthly HOA meeting, community event or mail tube:

Colleen Meitzler 721 HW**Dennis Vander Ryk-1044 RC**Gail DiMaio-787 HW
Glen Daniels-1020 RC**Bruce McConnell 721 HW

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MYRTLE TRACE SOUTH

MODIFICATION REQUEST APPLICATION FORM

HOMEOWNER MUST RECEIVE WRITTEN APPROVAL BEFORE WORK CAN COMMENCE. THE MODIFICATION COMMITTEE AND/OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) WILL REVIEW YOUR REQUEST AND RETURN AN ANSWER WITHIN 45 DAYS OF RECEIVING THIS WRITTEN REQUEST.

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ LOT#: _____ PHONE: _____

PRIMARY E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

SECONDARY E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ FAX #: _____

DESCRIBE THE MODIFICATION PROJECT (use additional pages if necessary):

DESIRED START DATE: _____ EST. COMPLETION DATE: _____

PROVIDE THE PERTINENT INFORMATION LISTED BELOW

LOCATION OF PROJECT: _____

PROVIDE: MARKUP, SURVEY, HOUSE PLANS, PHOTOGRAPH, LANDSCAPING LAYOUT OR OTHER APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS

MATERIALS: _____

DESCRIPTION OF THE MATERIALS, BROCHURES, WEBSITE INFORMATION AND/OR SAMPLES SHOULD BE PROVIDED

COLORS: _____

A LISTING OF THE COLOR(S), SWATCHES, BROCHURES OR SAMPLES ATTACHMENTS MUST BE NOTED AND AN APPROVED COLOR WHERE APPLICABLE. _____

PLANS: ATTACH LAYOUT, DIAGRAMS, SURVEY AND/OR PLANS FOR THE PROJECT IF CONSTRUCTION RELATED

ATTACHMENTS: PLEASE CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR ANY ATTACHMENTS: YES ☐ NO ☐

By signing this application, you are accepting full responsibility for the modification project and acknowledge that: a) the HOA may not be held responsible for any injuries or damage resulting from the modification being done; b) any commercial contractor(s) used is/are licensed and insured; c) All applicable permits that may be required by law are obtained prior to start of the modification; d) The Modification Committee, at its discretion, may ask to view permits, proof of insurance and licensing for construction, re-roofing, retaining walls, drainage alterations and other substantial modifications by contractors; e) The Modification Committee has the right to conduct on-site inspections of the modification project.

Signature of Homeowner

Date

Signature of Homeowner

Date

Please deliver this completed form to: **Don Nadler - 518 Sand Ridge Rd**



MYRTLE TRACE SOUTH

COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

_____ would like to be considered to serve as a

(Print Your Name)

member of the following committee(s) of the Myrtle Trace South Homeowners' Association, Inc.

Please place an **X** next to the committee(s) you have an interest in:

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pool/Clubhouse Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds Maintenance Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Modification Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Nominating Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Firewise Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Ponds Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunshine Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Welcoming Committee |

Your OCCUPATION: (if retired, former occupation) _____

Your EXPERIENCE: _____

What TALENTS/GIFTS do you have that lead you to apply to serve on the above committee(s)?

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Property Address: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please complete and return this form to:


Ellen Witalis - 1023 Rudder Court - 843-347-7101 - elplusp@aol.com

On behalf of the BOD of MTS, thank you for "stepping up" to serve in our community!

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FEBRUARY

2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Poker 6PM	55+ Exercise 9AM	Board Mtg 9AM	55+ Exercise 9AM CHCP Mtg 10:30AM Poker 6PM		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Poker 6PM	55+ Exercise 9AM		55+ Exercise 9AM Ladies Social 2PM Poker 6PM		
16	17	18	29	20	21	22
	Poker 6PM	55+ Exercise 9AM Ladies Bday Lunch 12 Noon	Book Club 6:30PM	55+ Exercise 9AM Poker 6PM		Barefoot Queen Riverboat 11:30am
23	24	25	26	27	28	
	Poker 6PM	55+ Exercise 9AM Bingo 6:30 PM		55+ Exercise 9AM Poker 6PM		